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MEMORANDUM

TO: William L. Harp, MD
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FROM: Erin L. Barrett
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DATE: October 30, 2020

SUBJECT: *Regulations Governing the Practice of Medicine, Osteopathic Medicine, Podiatry and Chiropractic*
18VAC85-20

I have reviewed the proposed amendments to the *Regulations Governing the Practice of Medicine, Osteopathic Medicine, Podiatry and Chiropractic*, 18VAC85-20-10 *et seq.* These amendments, consistent with language in Virginia Code § 54.1-2409.5 created by the passage of 2020 Va. Acts Ch. 41, specify that a licensee engaging in conversion therapy of a minor is a violation of the standard of care. The Board has the authority to amend these regulations under Virginia Code § 54.1-2400. The proposed amendments are constitutional and do not conflict with existing federal or state laws or regulations.